

THE DAILY CRITIC

AND CAPITAL.

The Daily Critic is published daily except on Sundays and public holidays.

PUBLISHED BY THE

WASHINGTON CRITIC COMPANY.

OFFICE: 622 D STREET NORTHWEST.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.00 per annum in advance.

Single copies 5 cents.

Carriage to the city, 1 month, 10 cents.

Address: THE CRITIC, 622 D STREET, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SEP. 26, 1890.

TRANSFERRING MISSISSIPPI RIVER

IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. T. C. DANNEY, chief engineer of the

New Mississippi Delta levee district,

contributes to the *Washington Critic* an

interesting article on the Mississippi

River levees, a subject whose importance

has been gradually forced upon the

attention of the people of the whole

country.

After ten years of experiments—Mr.

Danney observes—the River Commission

have decided that the plan best

adapted to secure the permanent improvement

of the river is that which

comprises the protection of caving

banks and the building up of artificial

levees to prevent overflow of flood

water.

Mr. DANNEY'S own conviction is that

further development will show the

bank protection to be the best plan to

ultimate and complete success, as perfect

stability of the banks of the river

will in time correct all the other

irregularities.

The portion of the Mississippi River

banks needing improvement lies between

"Yazoo front" and the lower line of the

"Yazoo front," and this covers a

stretch of twelve hundred miles, one-third

of which requires the application

of the reclamation work to the banks.

The maximum cost of this kind of work

as at present developed is \$95,000 per

mile.

Mr. DANNEY estimates that with

\$10,000,000 for levees, \$6,000,000 for

channel contraction and \$95,000,000 for

bank reclamation, the total cost to the

Government would be \$14,000,000 for

the complete reclamation and control

of the most valuable navigable stream in

the world.

The magnitude of this sum is enough

to alarm the conservative-minded and

those who have no personal interest in

the prevention of the floods that periodically

devastate the country through which

the Lower Mississippi makes its

way to the Gulf. Mr. DANNEY suggests

as a practical measure the division

of the cost between the interested riparian

States on the one side and the

General Government on the other, each

assuming a definite *pro rata* share, according

to a basis of division to be

agreed upon, and that both come forward

with their contributions in sufficient

amounts to ensure the completion

of a general levee system with little

delay as possible.

THE PENITENT BLUNT.

EDMUND BLUNT, the man who in a

drunken frenzy nearly took the life of

Mrs. DANNEY, is at Asbury Park, recently,

is disgusted with himself, and is very

penitent. In a letter, dated at

Shepherd Bay, 15th instant, and

addressed to Mr. DANNEY, he exhibits

a penitential disposition of the most

approved kind. It is simply perfect.

He gets down in the dust, and rolls in

it. He beats his breast, and cries:

"O, miserable wretch! what I have done!"

Really, this brutal Blunt is almost

agonizing in his grief. He declares, no

doubt truthfully, that he has not the

faintest recollection of what happened

on the occasion that has brought to him

so much shame and humiliation. He

learned, while in his cups, that Mrs.

DANNEY was in the city. He

resolved to call upon her, and drank

deeper. He called. She was not at

home. He drank more. He became

oblivious; and thus intoxicated he called

again. He was crazy, for he remembers

nothing of what happened, and he

was amazed when he learned that he

had been abusive, rude, and violent.

And now he does not know what to do;

but he does know that nothing that he

can do ever will raise him out of the

degrade and degradation in which

he has placed himself. "Much," he

says, "as I feel the odium and disgrace

that must attach to me in consequence

of what I have done, by far the most

horrible feature of the whole outrageous

affair is the consequence to Mrs. DANNEY

and to you. It sickens me to think of

it. I am horrified that those

who had a right to expect only the

most graceful courtesy and consideration

from me, in return for so many

sets of kindness received at their hands,

should have such a cause for regretting

inordinate cup is unblended and the

ingredient is a devil. Undoubtedly he

will join a temperance society and may

be carried about the country

as "the terrible example." If there is

any other good purpose to which he can

be put we do not know what it is and

cannot ascertain.

Mrs. MARY S. LORAN and Mrs. B.

Whitney have been selected as the

members for the District of Columbia,

of the board of only managers of the

World's Fair at Chicago, the

attention being Mrs. EDNA FRANK FOWELL

and Mrs. EMMA WINSWORTH. The

appointment of these women cannot fail

to receive the commendation of the

women of the District. Mrs. LORAN's

well-known executive ability, while a

qualificability and large experience

admirably fit her to take hold of the

work that will come under the care of

the District lady managers. Mrs.

Whitney is a woman of exceptional

force of character and is deservedly

respected both in public and private

circles. The women of the District may

congratulate themselves that their

interest in the World's Fair enterprise

will be ably managed by Mrs. LORAN

and Mrs. WHITNEY.

OF COURSE. We had no doubt of it.

Lieutenant FRANCIS PHOENIX

SIMPSON, son of Mrs. JESSE BENTON

SIMPSON, denies that his mother and sister

are in want. He says that while they

have been out of their own they have

a regular income out of his and his

brother's salaries. Both the mother

and sister could have a home with him

if they could endure the climate at Fort

Snelling, Minnesota. Maybe the report

of Mrs. SIMPSON's death was published

for the purpose of creating public

sympathy and expediting the passage

of the \$2,000 per year pension bill now

pending in Congress.

EDNA FRANK FOWELL, says a copy of

"Poems of the Plains and the Solitudes"

has reached the office of the

Daily Critic. The volume is for a

poet known to fame as THOMAS BROWN

FRANKLIN of Topeka, Kan. The

copies of the following lines from the

"Rhyme of the Border War," said to

be the poet's masterpiece:

The fire, he flashes over the plain—

The hills before him, behind him the same—

He draws with such rapidity

The stream of fire, forever from

Plains that the month of his dreams,

For each hand a revolver warms,

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

Which he holds in his hands, and

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Arrivals—L. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham, 10

Columbia, Va. J. B. Cunningham,